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1. The Treta Balkanska (Third Balkan) Division has been renamed "Dravska" Division because it fought against the Germans in 1944 in Hungary, near the Drava River. In 1950, the division was transferred from Sliven to Burgas where it now has its headquarters. A General Lyubenov was in command of the division but was forced to retire and was allegedly sent to Stara Zagora.
2. The following units are subordinate to the "Dravska" Division:
 - a. The 24 Infantry Regiment; the main strength of this unit was in Zvezdets (N 42-07, E 27-24), but the staff was in Burgas; recruits were also trained in Burgas;
 - b. The 5 Infantry Regiment, with headquarters in Sredets, where it arrived from Ruse;
 - c. An infantry regiment, believed [] to be the 18 Infantry Regiment, 25X1 with headquarters in Bolyarovo (N 42-09, E 26-48); until 1950, the headquarters were in Shumen; and
 - d. The 6 Field Artillery Regiment; the headquarters of this unit was located in Sredets; the battalions of this regiment have been assigned to the infantry regiments.
3. The following units were also located in Burgas:
 - a. A coast artillery unit; since early 1952, the officers and men of this unit have been wearing Navy uniforms;
 - b. An antiaircraft unit, equipped with five "heavy" and two "light" antiaircraft guns; in 1951, this unit arrived in Burgas from Plovdiv; and
 - c. A Vutreshni Voyski (Interior Troops) unit with 400-500 men; its headquarters is located about four kilometers from Burgas, near the Burgas-Aytos road.

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1. The headquarters of the Burgas Okoliya Police are located in a 2-story building on Morska Street near the square. The headquarters of the Burgas City Police are located in a 2-story building on Aleksandrovska Street.
2. The Market Inspecting Directorate and the Criminological Service are located in a 3-story building, formerly the Paris Hotel, on Aleksandrovska Street near the railroad station.

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1. The following units are subordinate to the division which has its headquarters in Sliven:
 - a. The 11 Infantry Regiment, with headquarters in Sliven;
 - b. The 29 Infantry Regiment, with headquarters in Yambol;
 - c. The 6 Field Artillery Regiment, with headquarters in Sliven; and
 - d. An unidentified supply and transportation regiment, with headquarters in Sliven.¹
2. the location of the headquarters of the following units: 25X1
 - a. The 8 Infantry Regiment, with headquarters in Varna;
 - b. The 23 Infantry Regiment, with headquarters in Pazardzhik;
 - c. An unidentified artillery regiment, with headquarters in Nova Zagora;
 - d. An unidentified heavy tank regiment, with headquarters in Gorna Banya, near Sofia;
 - e. An unidentified light tank regiment, with headquarters in Sofia; and
 - f. An unidentified infantry regiment, with headquarters in Aytos; commanded by Major Ivan Dimitrov (or Dragovski); located at the Farm School; this regiment serves as a training center for reserve officers.

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3. An unidentified unit with "heavy" antiaircraft artillery guns was quartered in wooden barracks at the western edge of Burgas, near the flour mills. The unit's guns were located as follows:
 - a. Four, near the flour mills; and
 - b. Two, near the barracks of 24 Infantry Regiment, in the eastern part of Burgas. 25X1
4. In February 1952, [redacted] construction of a large new airfield had started in the area. In July 1952, [redacted] construction of buildings on the airfield had begun.²
5. Since March 1952, eight to 10 old air raid shelters in the Burgas harbor area, each capable of holding approximately 200 persons, have been repaired. In May 1952, construction started on a large underground shelter in the center of Burgas, about 50 meters north of Sveti Kiril and Metodiy progymnasium.
6. Since March 1952, a Soviet military unit of 20 soldiers and two officers has been located in three buildings situated approximately five kilometers from the village of Vetren (N 42-37, E 27-24), and about 600 meters west of the Burgas-Aytos road. The three buildings are located within an area of about 25 acres which is surrounded by barbed wire.³
7. Two coast artillery guns are located approximately one kilometer east of the village of Sarafovo (N 42-34, E 27-34) and about 200 meters north of the Burgas-Pomorie road. The two guns are manned by 50-60 men and two officers. All of the personnel wear Navy uniforms and are quartered in three buildings.
8. In the spring of 1952, a Trudovak unit constructed trenches in the Vetren area. The trenches start at approximately 500 meters north of the village and about 300 meters west of the Vetren-Aytos road, and extend toward the northwest in the direction of the village of Bulgarovo (N 42-37, E 27-19). The trenches are about five kilometers in length and are 1.5 meters deep and 50 centimeters wide.
9. An unidentified Trudovak unit was located in barracks between Burgas and Atanasovo, near the junction of the Burgas-Aytos and the Burgas-Atanasovo roads. About 200 to 300 Trudovaks were working between Pomorie and Burgas.
10. Underground ammunition warehouses have been constructed north of the Vetren-Rudnik (N 42-38, E 27-29) road, near the junction of the Vetren-Rudnik and the Banya- (N 42-38, E 27-24) Atanasovo roads. The warehouses have been constructed in a hill and are interconnected. Twenty-six soldiers of the Interior Troops guard this area.
11. Explosives belonging to the Militia have been stored in underground warehouses located west of the Burgas-Aytos road and about 500 meters north of the village of Vetren. The warehouse area is surrounded by a barbed wire fence 1.5 meters high.

Comments:

1. [redacted] as of mid-April 1953, the following units were subordinate to 7 Infantry Division in Sliven: 12 Rifle Regiment (Elkhovo), 33 Rifle Regiment (Boyano), 40 Rifle Regiment (Yambol), and "Skaliste" Rifle Regiment (Mamarchevo.)

2. [redacted]

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Attached hereto are the following sketches:

- a. Fortifications between Bulgarovo (N 42-37, E 27-19) and Rudnik (N 42-57, E 27-46), Burgas Okoliya (included as Appendix A, on page 2);
- b. The Burgas/Sarafovo airfield (included as Appendix B, on page 3); and
- c. The Burgas Local Prison (included as Appendix C, on page 4); the prison is a 3-story building.

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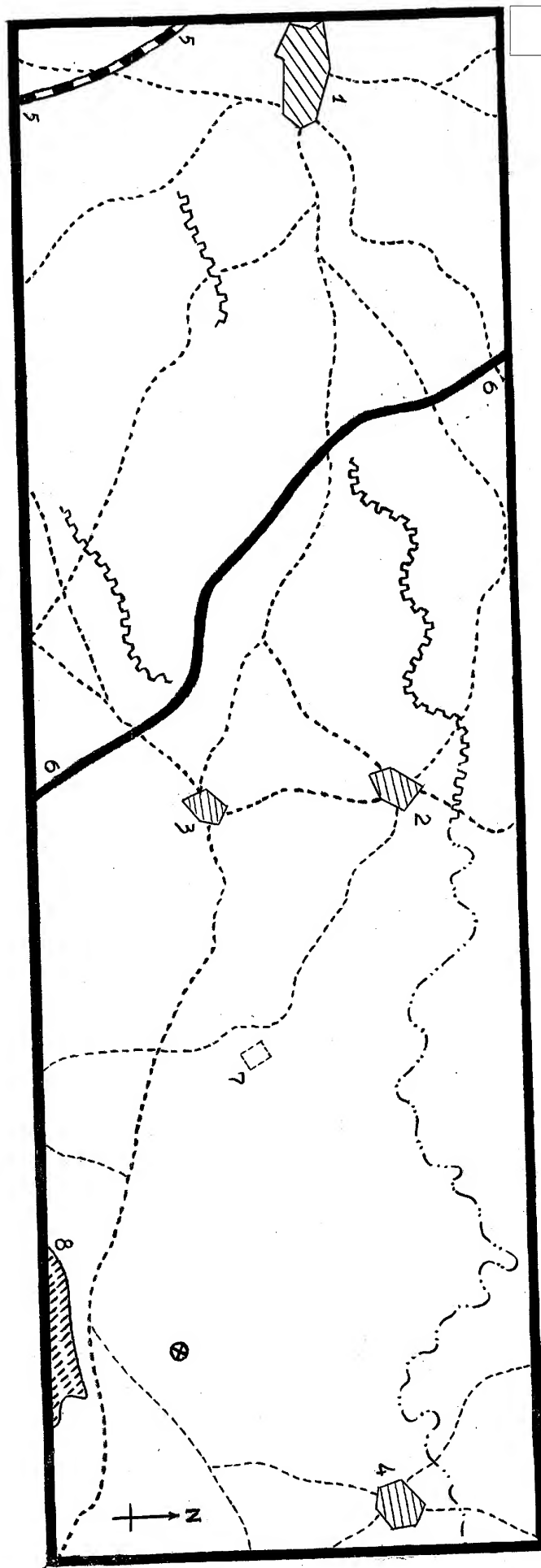
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APPENDIX A

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1. Bulgarovo
2. Banya
3. Vetren (Zhitarovo)
4. Rudnik
5. Burgas - Aytos Railroad Line
6. Burgas - Aytos Highway
7. Burgas Garrison Ammunition Dumps
8. Atanasovo Lake
- ☒ Reinforced Concrete Bunker
- Trenches (probable location)
- Trenches
- - - Paths and country roads



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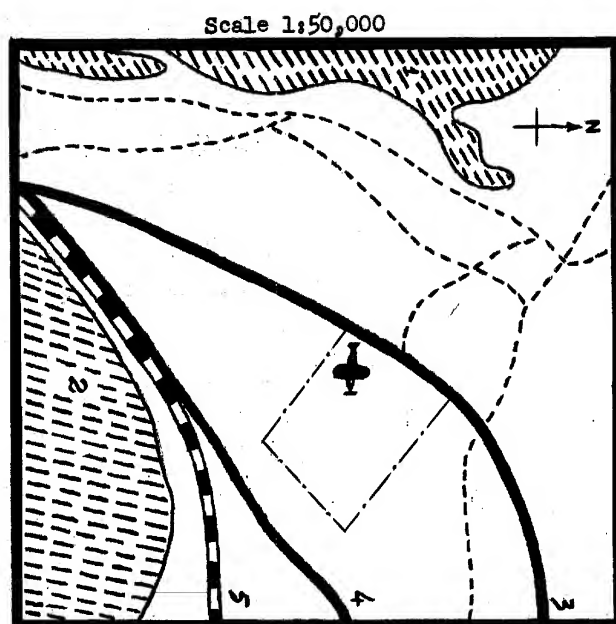
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1. Ozludzha Lake
 2. Bay of Burgas
 3. Burgas - Varna Highway
 4. Burgas - Pomorie Highway
 5. Burgas - Pomorie Railroad Line
- Probable Location of Airfield



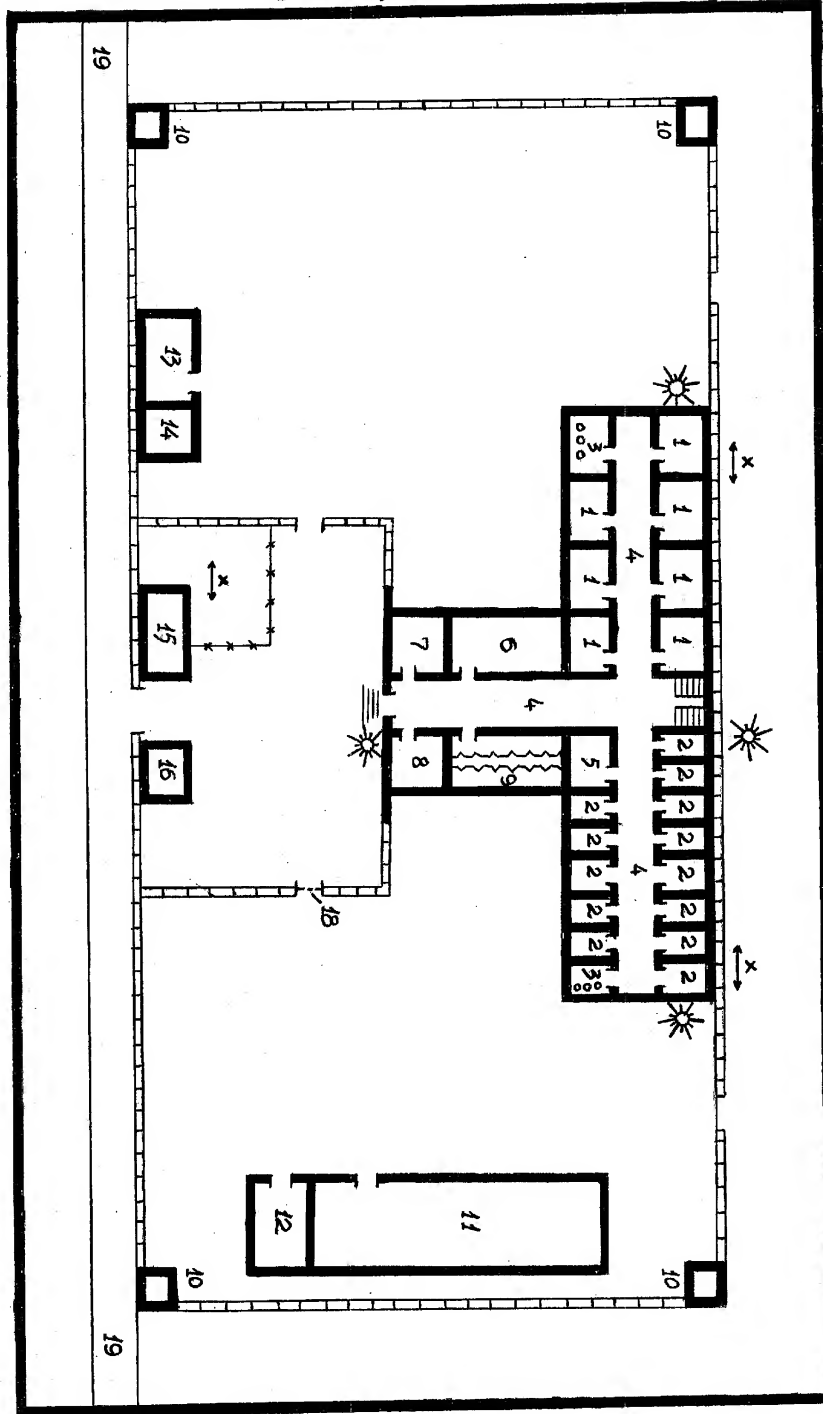
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APPENDIX C

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| 1. Cells | 9. Meetings Room | 17. Prisoners' Yard |
| 2. Solitary | 10. Guardpost Towers | 18. Gallows |
| 3. Latrines | 11. Carpenter Shop | 19. Burgas - Sredets Highway |
| 4. Hallways | 12. Personnel Office | Stone Wall (5 meters high) |
| 5. Warden's Rooms | 13. Bakery | Barbed Wire Fence |
| 6. Offices | 14. Sleeping Quarters | Lights |
| 7. Director's Office | 15. Guard Room | Guard Post |
| 8. Asst. Director's Office | 16. Duty Warden - Doorman | |

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1. In March 1952, work was begun on a new railroad line from Dolno Ezerovo (N 42-31, E 27-22), which is seven kilometers west of Burgas, to Varna. This line is of the wider Soviet gauge and will link up with the line running to the USSR. The line passes about four kilometers south of the village of Vetren (N 42-36, E 27-23), three kilometers south of the village of Rudnik (N 42-37, E 27-30), about one kilometer east of the village of Kableshkovo (N 42-39, E 27-35), and goes in the direction of Kosharitsa (N 42-45, E 27-42).
2. The Burgas-Sozopol (N 42-24, E 27-42), road, about 30 kilometers long and six meters wide, is paved and is kept in good condition. A concrete bridge approximately 120 meters long and six meters wide is located over the Mandra River at location N 42-26-30, E 27-28-00; it can support heavy trucks and tanks. A second concrete bridge, which can also support heavy trucks and tanks, is located over a ravine at N 42-24-30, E 27-40-30. This bridge is 40 meters long, six meters wide, and about 10 meters above the ground.
3. The Burgas-Orizare (N 42-45, E 27-37) road is 38 kilometers long, six meters wide, paved, and can support heavy trucks and tanks. There is a concrete bridge over the Khadzhi Dere River at location N 42-43, E 27-36. This bridge, which was constructed in 1942, is 60 meters long and six meters wide and can support heavy trucks and tanks.
4. A bridge 80 meters long, five meters wide, and 15 meters above the water, is located over the Maritsa River at N 42-17, E 24-07 on the Saranovo (N 42-12, E 24-06, now Septemvriy) - Vetren (N 42-17, E 24-06) road. It can support heavy trucks and tanks.

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